

WASHINGTON – Rep. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02) released the following statement after the House passed a short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) to prevent a government shutdown. H.R 1363, the Department of Defense and Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 348 to 70, and the United States Senate passed the bill by voice vote. President Obama must now sign the bill into law.

"I am very pleased that both sides of the aisle were able to come to an agreement, preventing a government shutdown and making the largest annual domestic spending cut in our history. It was not in anyone's interest to shut down the government, and failing to pass this legislation would have jeopardized our economic recovery and devastated millions of Americans household budgets.

"In the next few days, I hope that Democrats and Republicans are able to finish a deal to fund the government for the rest of FY 2011, and provide some certainty to the American people. Going forward, I am committed to working with my colleagues to find a long-term solution that strengthens our economy, invests in our future, and responsibly reduces our deficit and debt."

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